

ALL INDIA BANK PENSIONERS' & RETIREES' CONFEDERATION

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(For circulation among members of the governing council of AIBPARC, State Secretaries, Special Invitees and Advisors.)

Dear Comrades,

Sub: AIBPARC is in the midst of organisational activities – a brief round up of events

You are all aware of the fact that our organisation sent a memorandum under the joint signature of the President and General Secretary to all the Members of the Parliament. Few members at their personal initiative and many of our leaders stationed at different centres met the Hon'ble Members of the Parliament and handed over the memorandum physically. There is no doubt about it that by such programme we have been able to make a solid campaign about our issues before the law-makers. We congratulate our leaders, activists and veterans who have taken a lead in this regard.

Many of you might have seen that a starred question was raised in the Rajya Sabha by one Hon'ble MP on the issue of Revision of Pension of retired bank employees and the said question was to be answered on 2nd February, 2021. The reply has come in the form of a statement which has been extensively circulated in various whatsapp groups and other social media. The retirees throughout the country have made anxious queries to the leadership and expressed their serious concern at the outcome. We consider it a necessity to tell a few words on the subject.

On a careful study of the statement, it is found that there is a positive ray of hope about improvement of family pension in line with GOI/RBI and this is a salutary feature. We have already told in our previous circular that the Chairman, IBA in his virtual address before the Inaugural session of AIBOC expressed the hope of getting Govt. approval very soon. There is no doubt about it that the position taken about updation/revision of pension in the statement is thoroughly disappointing. Members are aware that such statements are prepared by officials. There are a lot many contradictions and factual errors in the statement delivered. Our organisation is in the process of preparing a comprehensive reply to each point within a short period and it will be submitted to all authorities concerned. Our members are requested not to lose heart. AIBPARC, being the most faithful protector of the interest of retirees, will fight out the game till real success is achieved in regard to updation of pension.

With best wishes and regards,

Comradely yours,

(SUPRITA SARKAR) GENERAL SECRETARY